



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 838***

LCO No. 2340

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AND LANDS  
CLASSIFIED AS FARM LANDS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 12-107c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

3 (a) An owner of land may apply for its classification as farm land on  
4 any grand list of a municipality by filing a written application for such  
5 classification with the assessor thereof not earlier than thirty days  
6 before or later than thirty days after the assessment date, provided in a  
7 year in which a revaluation of all real property in accordance with  
8 section 12-62 becomes effective such application may be filed not later  
9 than ninety days after such assessment date. The assessor shall  
10 determine whether such land is farm land and, if such assessor  
11 determines that it is farm land, he or she shall classify and include it as  
12 such on the grand list. In determining whether such land is farm land,  
13 such assessor shall take into account, among other things, the acreage  
14 of such land, the portion thereof in actual use for farming or  
15 agricultural operations, the productivity of such land, the gross income  
16 derived therefrom, the nature and value of the equipment used in

17 connection therewith, and the extent to which the tracts comprising  
 18 such land are contiguous, except that for any application that is based  
 19 on the use of such land for wildlife management purposes, such  
 20 assessor shall not consider the gross income derived therefrom but  
 21 rather the report of a certified commercial forest practitioner that  
 22 indicates whether the land is managed in accordance with a wildlife  
 23 management plan that such commercial forest practitioner found to  
 24 materially enhance the capacity of such land to support native species  
 25 of vegetation and wildlife. Any such report shall be submitted by the  
 26 owner of land as an attachment to the application submitted pursuant  
 27 to this section and such report shall be prepared by a commercial  
 28 forest practitioner who is certified pursuant to section 23-65h.

29 (b) An application for classification of land as farm land shall be  
 30 made upon a form prescribed by the Commissioner of Agriculture and  
 31 shall set forth a description of the land, a general description of the use  
 32 to which it is being put, a statement of the potential liability for tax  
 33 under the provisions of sections 12-504a to 12-504f, inclusive, and such  
 34 other information as the assessor may require to aid the assessor in  
 35 determining whether such land qualifies for such classification.

36 (c) Failure to file an application for classification of land as farm  
 37 land within the time limit prescribed in subsection (a) and in the  
 38 manner and form prescribed in subsection (b) shall be considered a  
 39 waiver of the right to such classification on such assessment list.

40 (d) Any person aggrieved by the denial of any application for the  
 41 classification of land as farm land shall have the same rights and  
 42 remedies for appeal and relief as are provided in the general statutes  
 43 for taxpayers claiming to be aggrieved by the doings of assessors or  
 44 boards of assessment appeals.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	12-107c

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***Statement of Purpose:***

To assist owners of farm land that may use their property for wildlife management purposes.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*